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CONFEREES AGREE ON FEDERAL PAY BILL

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Information has been received that the Senate-House conferees agreed on June 22 to the terms and conditions of a bill raising salaries of approximately 1,073,262 Federal employees by 7.5 per cent, retroactive to March 1.

The Senate conferees obtained only a few minor increases in the raises voted by the House. The Senate had originally passed the 10 per cent pay increase measure but the House on Monday voted for 7.5 per cent increase. Some of the conferees stated that they had been advised that President Eisenhauer would accept no more than the 7.5 per cent increase.

With this information, the conferees accepted the lower per cent increase in order to avoid the chance of a presidential veto.

The increases which will total about \$328,000,000 annually apply to 983,057 classified Civil Service employees and about 90,205 related workers. The Senate had been quoted earlier in news releases that their conferees would fight to give the rank and file Federal employees an 8 per cent pay raise; however, this fight did not materialize due, evidently, to the feeling that an 8 per cent pay raise would not be approved by the President.

The 500,000 postal workers already have been given a raise averaging approximately 8 per cent, but in this bill there was included the requirement of reclassification of some of the jobs. In the bill to which the conferees agreed pertaining to the above mentioned employees, there was no requirement for reclassification of any position.

It is generally the opinion of the top officials that the President will approve this bill within the near future and place it into effect. However, it is the writers opinion that employees should not spend their anticipated raise at the present time as there will be quite a bit of work necessary before the retroactive checks are issued.

A representative of the Administrative Fiscal Office in Denver, on a recent visit to this office, advised that they were making preparation to get out the pay increase checks as promptly as possible after the bill was finally approved and they receive the required salary tables from the General Accounting Office. The issuance of these checks will be a huge task; therefore, you will receive your checks at as early a date as is possible to complete the necessary computations for their issuance.

Myron C. Truesdale

The clouds that gather round the setting sun
Do take a somber coloring from an eye
that hath kept watch o'er man's mortality.
Another race hath been and other palms are won.

-WORDSWORTH-

It was not until early Monday morning May 16, 1955 that I realized in a very vivid way that I had lost for my lifetime a friend with whom I had been closely associated for more than five years. Myron C. Truesdale had departed this life the Saturday morning before.

For many months it had been his habit to get to the office very early. I often joined him during those quiet early moments and we had many tranquil discussions about various subjects, including his interest in underprivileged boys. I like to remember our conversations were completely harmonious, even though the day might later bring forth arguments concerning phases of our work. But in my memory those early morning associations shine out as, maybe, some of the best parts of my life. I'm thinking of others who knew the lovable Myron Truesdale outside the office routine: The Bish Neelys with their attempts at gardening; Asa Douglas; George McPherson; Billy Tyson; Roy Hutchinson; and many others. Like gems that shine out of the night these incidental associations glow in our memory.

During the week beginning May 2, some of us had concern because he appeared to be quite tired at times. But he kept working, and during his last week he appeared remarkably cheerful, leaving the office on Friday in a happy mood.

Myron Truesdale was born in New York State almost sixty-two years ago but spent a large part of his active life in Texas with the Santa Fe Railroad in Galveston; Bewley Mills in Fort Worth; and with our own organization. He joined the Traffic Management Section, Program Operations Division of the Dallas Commodity Office in March 1950, at the beginning of the full activity of the Dallas office in the bulk grain and cotton seed programs. Few people were as devoted to their work as was Myron Truesdale. His government service record has many memoranda and letters of commendation, one of which was delivered posthumously to Mrs. Truesdale.

When the work load was heavy, which was often, he would at times spend more than an hour before the official work day began, looking over stacks of documents piled so high that he could hardly see over them, sorting them out in preparation for a heavy day's work. Promptly at 8:00 he was ready to go into production line operations, and woe it was to anyone who attempted to break that line by trying to borrow key personnel for their own use. In his constant interest in the personnel of his unit he set an example that might well be studied by those of us who remain on duty and follow after him.

It is hoped that the esteem in which Mr. Truesdale was held by his working associates because of his good deeds will be a cherished memory for Mrs. Truesdale. Our association with this kindly little man causes us to wish and hope that some day out beyond the darkness and the night we shall meet again.

Arving E. Morris

Mind Over Matter

The following editorial recently appeared in a trade magazine under the title "Here Comes The Second Revolution":

"The first great industrial revolution substituted machinery for men's muscles. As the years have gone by, less and less physical labor has had to be done. Now we are in the beginning of a second revolution that is substituting machinery for men's minds. Work previously done by the great group that required much supervision is now being done better by Machines.

Soon all routine operations will be done by machines faster, cheaper, and better. The incompetent, the mistake makers, the workers who must be watched will find this competition difficult to meet. The same is true to a less degree of the efficient routine workers who do what they are told and no more.

There will, however, never be conflict between the machines and people with creative minds. Judgment will still remain the special work of human minds. Men will continue to make decisions involving morals. Machines, at their highest development, will still do only what men tell them to do."

If, in the contemplation of this "second revolution" you are inclined to develop an inferiority complex, read again the last paragraph of the above editorial. Machines will still do only what men tell them to do. The wonder that is the human mind created these machines and in creating employed vision, imagination, and the exercising of many acquired skills and talents. None of these abilities are possessed by machines. Machines are lifeless until men order the wheels to turn, the electronic tubes to crackle, and develop the data which is fed to machines. Machines are the tools of men and not the other way around!

The human personality will never be replaced by mechanical contraptions. The power to think, feel, and create life were given to us by the Master Creator. We cannot endow such God-given powers to machines.

"Revolutions" will come and go but the beauty of the human soul will live forever.

HNM

Son-in-Law of CSS Employee Passes

Mr. C. H. Liebrum, of Dallas, son-in-law of Mrs. Bernice Carson (Fiscal CSS) passed away on June 7, after an illness of a few months. Mr. Liebrum is survived by his wife and four children. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Carson and her family. Mrs. Carson was herself widowed with three young children and her example of rearing a family alone may well serve as an inspiration to her daughter Dawn, and to others whose cup of grief seems to overbrim.

CSS EMPLOYEE'S SISTER RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

Mary Yeager Wallace, sister of Mildred Yeager of CSS, has been awarded a full scholarship for the Danforth Seminar at Boston University beginning June 20th. She was one of 25 persons in the United States who were invited to attend the seminar through scholarship.

Mrs. Wallace is counsellor and director of teachers training at Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas. She holds degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Texas. She formerly lived in Dallas where her husband, Carl C. Wallace, was associated with the Dallas News. He is now associated with the Tyler Courier Times.

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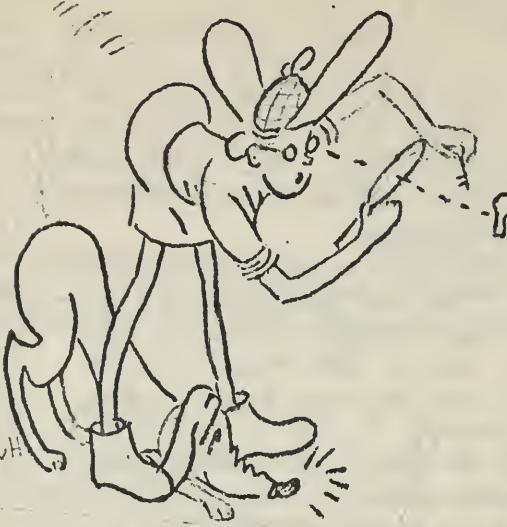
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If you think what you did yesterday looks big, you've been loafing today.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Verde Dickey, Jr., son of our lovely Lucille Dickey, has been playing professional baseball with the Galveston White Caps. This club recently was forced to cease operations and Lucille's boy is for the moment without a team to play for. This young man is a former SMU star and will probably continue to play professional baseball before entering a coaching career. Pop, who is Verde Dickey, Sr., is the Athletic Director at Adamson High School and a long-time coach in the Dallas School System.

PERSONALS



Also on the way up: Asa C. Douglas, Jr., son of our Asa, is a regular on the Wynnewood Wild Cats, a Little League Team which plays at Winfrey Point (White Rock Lake Park) on Friday Evenings. Little Doug blasted his team's first home run of the season, leading to a victory in their first league start; the Wildcats are now undefeated in 3 games. Asa Senior, who is a veteran USDA worker, has spent many hours of practice with his son and has good reason to be proud, as are we.

Congratulations are also in order to the parents of Miss Glenda Kay Williams, who arrived on May 13, 1955. These parents happen to be Harold and Gracie Williams neither of whom require any introduction to the majority of USDA folks. It could be our imagination, but it appears that Mr. Williams has begun to mellow just the tiniest bit.

Hearty congratulations to BLANCHE LETT and to ROY L. NEAL for having received Outstanding Performance Ratings and Certificates of Merit for performance which exceeded normal job expectancy in all phases of their jobs during the rating period (Calendar Year 1954). Each also received a \$300.00 cash award.

Blanche, who recently visited the Commodity Office, is Chief, of Administrative Accounts Section, Fiscal Division, Denver.

(Editor's Note): That title means she is in charge of Pay Rolls, Joe. It is our opinion that, if all selections were as obvious as this one, the committee should be reluctant to accept any salary for the period during which the selections were made).

Roy L. Neal has recently been promoted to a position in charge of Audit Division

Work in the Dallas Commodity Office. Roy is a bachelor and while this seems to have no adverse effect upon his work record, it conceivably could create a slight work stoppage among the eligible.

NORTH CAROLINA ASC OFFICE COMMENDS DALLAS PERSONNEL

A letter of commendation signed on June 6, by F.C. Hall, Acting Administrative Officer of the North Carolina ASC State Office, was received in the Dallas CSS Commodity Office commending H. C. Goodpasture, Chief of the Fiscal Division, and other personnel of the Dallas Commodity Office for their cooperation in connection with the grain loan programs. Mr. Hall states the loan schools, which they have been conducting, have now been completed in his state.

ALL LETTERS OF CREDIT
MUST BE SIGNED BY
AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF
HOLY TRINITY-----

WHEN YOU GET
IT FROM US —
YOU'VE REALLY
HAD IT !!!

IF CONTRACT CALLS
FOR BLOOD, THIS
MEANS WHOLE BLOOD
NOT PLASMA —





OPEN LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Dear Sir:

As you are doubtless aware, my Daddy has been rendering invaluable service to the CSS Commodity Office for several years. I know this is true because he mentions it nearly every day.

More recently my Mommie has also added her services to the Commodity Office. While I am grateful for the monetary reward afforded to them, it appears that the interests of the taxpayers could best be served by adding my name to the list. The monetary saving would be substantial, since I am not interested in regular money. I am perfectly willing to accept my salary in ice cream, candy, and chewing gum. Moreover, my space requirements are much less than the average, and instead of a desk I much prefer to work in a sand pile. While my qualifications show little work experience, I feel that I possess

work habits of a desirable nature. For example, I am not interested in any men (Unless they are wearing a Davy Crockett suit), and I do not waste time applying make-up.

I would appreciate your early reply in this regard. You may contact me at Sand Pile #7 or Tricycle #3. Very truly yours,

Diane Wells - Age 3.

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PROUD MOTHER

Patricia Jolly, 6 year old daughter of Nadine Jolly (FI CSS) recently received her diploma to signify her graduation from Kindergarten. Precocious Pat also rendered a tap dance solo on the graduation program.

LUCK CONTINUES

The Dillehays, Powell and Yvonne - were not listening to Station KLIF when their sticker number was called for "Bookoo" money.

PROUD FATHERS

Dale Duggin, son of Kenneth C Duggin (Field Operations, CSS) has just received an Air Force commission and will report to San Antonio this summer for further training. He has just graduated from George Washington University (D.C.), which he attended on a 4-year scholastic honor scholarship. Indeed a moment for pride, Ken.

Bill Woodruff, youngest son of our Preston(Woody) Woodruff, is appearing for the second summer in the State Fair Musicals Chorus. He has received an academic scholarship for his senior year at North Texas College, Denton, where he is majoring in Music and where he has sung operatic tenor leads. "The one sour note, though," states Father Woodruff, "No passes to the shows".

USDA HIGHER LEARNING

A wave of the palm in the direction of some of the energetic and ambitious USDA folk who attend Dallas College of SMU Evening Classes. This list includes Doug Skelton, Billy Bryant, Carroll Davis, Bill Wakefield, Harold Williams and Tom Hedgepeth to mention a few. All of this group are from the Commodity Office and we will be happy to mention the names of any others brought to our attention. Also pursuing higher education, Mary Urbancic, Fiscal Division CSS who is well into a strenuous Accounting Course offered by International Accountants Society.

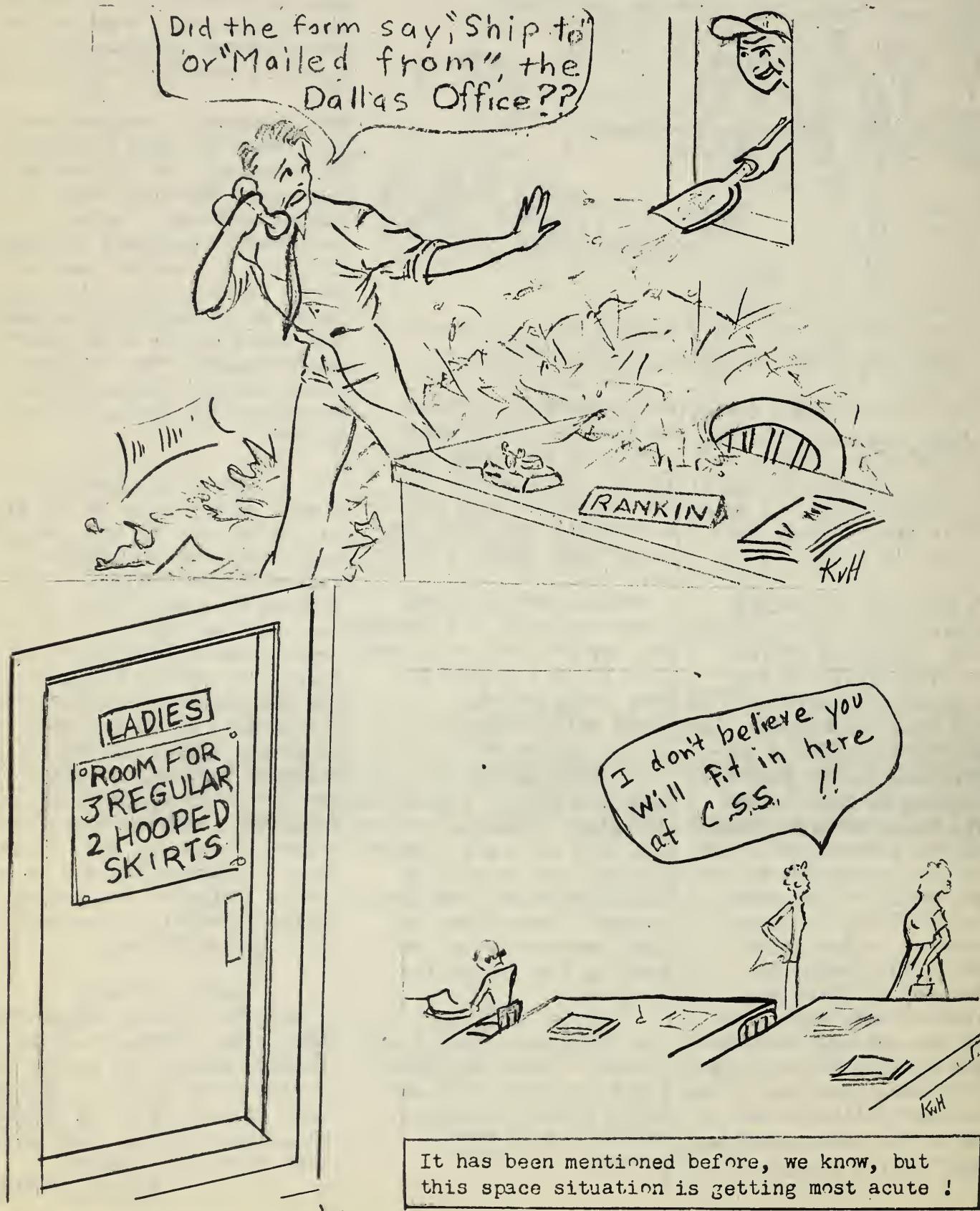
CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express thanks for the lovely flowers sent by friends during the recent sorrow in my family. The fact that friends from the office share your sorrow means more than words can express.

MILDRED YEAGER

HAVE YOU GOT A CARTOON IDEA?

Let us know (Ex-833) and we can get it drawn for you or help any way we are able. Naturally, we'll give you written credit also.



USDA BEAUTY ON TELEVISION

Dottie Bankston, our gift to Patricia Stevens Finishing School, continues to spark her modeling career. Dottie donned a rabbit costume to promote the opening of a new automobile lot and her smile brought an invitation to appear on a Channel 4 Sunday noontime TV program called "Country Picnic". Then Dottie did so well with this opportunity she has been asked to appear regularly on the program.

You must admit that a "Bunny" suit is a more unusual gimmick than, for instance, a calendar pose. It's a lot warmer, for sure.

HOME-COMING

Elizabeth Johnson and Pauline Croslin (PO CSS) and Lillian Harrison (FI CSS) recently attended a homecoming celebration at their Alma Mater, Bonham High School, Bonham, Texas. These events are held every five years, but this was the first attended by our ladies in 27 years. (Getting close to age-telling, aren't we?) The event was attended by more than 1500 exes from all over including one from the American Embassy Staff in Cuba. There may have been larger reunions, state the girls, but none more enjoyable.

We are somewhat late reporting this, but the keen-witted Jerry Davis (PO CSS) is now the proud father of a second strapping son - Jeff Thomas Davis. Davis (Jerry that is) is the creator of most of the cartoons in this paper, at least most of the good ones.

C. H. Moseley, whose name appears in print quite often, received a personal honor during May when he was chosen as the official representative of his Alma Mater, Colorado College, at the formal inauguration of the President of Southern Methodist University.

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Next issue we will give more details on the purposes of these committees and specific plans under way.

KITH & KIN TO THE RESCUE

The volume of work has increased in the CSS Commodity Office so much that Civil Service's register of temporary workers has been exhausted. So when the word came from our personnel office for likely employees, many of our faithful spread the news to their faithful. Here are some of the results:

Pat Wynn: redheaded collegiate, is the daughter of Tab-Room indefatigable, "Goldie" Wynn.

Tommie Hall: a healthy Tyler Jr. College Apache Belle, is a niece of Jackie Hall, Fiscal CSS.

Kay Davis: (Fiscal CSS) is the button cute daughter of Ann Halliburton, who used to work for CSS and FIA.

Pat Elliott: is the sharp daughter of Bill Elliott, Compliance and Investigation Branch.

Doris Wells: is a relative of Diane Wells, who is a close relative of the editor; there is more on this elsewhere in the paper.

Doris Clark: is a cousin of Opal McDonald, POD.

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Cecilia M. Patterson, Anita G. Young, Mary D. Reid.
(All from Dallas C.S.S. Commodity Office) *

YOU CAN GET INTO THE PICTURE, TOO

* Not shown-Eston E.Dennard, winner
of Superior Service Award and \$500.00

INSPECT
LOOK FOR
UNNECESSARY
WORK

DEVELOP
THINK OF
BETTER
WAYS

EVALUATE
CHECK
YOUR
IDEA
ACT
TURN
IT IN